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(Private)

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### **AN ACT RESPECTING MARIE ALICE ELISABETH HÉLÈNE LACROIX**

AS Marie Alice Elisabeth Hélène Lacroix, born on 20 March 1958 at Hôpital de la Miséricorde in the city of Québec, was registered as a child “born of unknown parents” when she was baptized, this being the customary designation for children born out of wedlock;

AS, at the time of her birth, Marie Alice Elisabeth Hélène Lacroix was placed in a foundling home, Crèche Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, in the city of Québec, as it was customary for children born of single mothers to be placed in the care of the home;

AS, under the Civil Code of Lower Canada, children born out of wedlock were considered illegitimate children, who did not enjoy the same rights as legitimate children;

AS Georgette Lacroix, Marie Alice Elisabeth Hélène Lacroix’s biological mother, had no intention of giving her child up for adoption;

AS, in order for her child to be considered a legitimate child and to benefit from the rights attached to that status, Georgette Lacroix had to adopt her own child;

AS an adoption judgment was rendered on 30 October 1961, which prevented the establishment of the bond of paternal filiation;

AS, in 2000, Marie Alice Elisabeth Hélène Lacroix found her biological father, Kleanthis Barzoukas, and until his death on 26 September 2009, they maintained an ongoing relationship;

AS, in order to dispel any doubt, Marie Alice Elisabeth Hélène Lacroix and Kleanthis Barzoukas underwent a paternity test, which confirmed their filiation;

AS, on 8 November 2007, Kleanthis Barzoukas completed the required tardy declaration of filiation form to acknowledge paternity of his daughter, Marie Alice Elisabeth Hélène Lacroix;

AS the registrar of civil status was unable to follow up on the tardy declaration of filiation form because of the adoption judgment rendered;

AS, but for the rules regarding the legitimacy of children, Georgette Lacroix could have acknowledged her daughter, Marie Alice Elisabeth Hélène Lacroix, without resorting to adoption;

AS, but for her adoption by Georgette Lacroix, Marie Alice Elisabeth Hélène Lacroix could have obtained that Kleanthis Barzoukas be declared her father;

AS Marie Alice Elisabeth Hélène Lacroix considers that it is in her interest that Kleanthis Barzoukas be acknowledged as her father and that the register of civil status be altered accordingly;

AS the acknowledgment of paternity is to be added to her present filiation and will have no impact on her filiation with her mother, Georgette Lacroix;

AS Marie Alice Elisabeth Hélène Lacroix declares that such a change is not to affect the succession of Kleanthis Barzoukas, as he settled the consequences of his death by means of a will;

#### THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1.** As of the coming into force of this Act, Marie Alice Elisabeth Hélène Lacroix, born on 20 March 1958 in the city of Québec, is to be known as the daughter of Kleanthis Barzoukas.
- 2.** The bond of paternal filiation established by this Act has the same effects as a judgment of the Superior Court of Québec.
- 3.** This Act does not dissolve the bond of filiation between Marie Alice Elisabeth Hélène Lacroix and her mother, Georgette Lacroix.
- 4.** This Act does not affect the succession of Kleanthis Barzoukas or of his ascendants and descendants.
- 5.** On receiving this Act and in accordance with its provisions, the registrar of civil status is to draw up the act of birth of Marie Alice Elisabeth Hélène Lacroix under article 132 of the Civil Code of Québec and alter any existing acts of civil status to bring them into conformity with this Act.
- 6.** In accordance with article 136 of the Civil Code of Québec, the registrar of civil status is to include a reference to this Act in the acts of civil status so drawn up or altered.
- 7.** This Act comes into force on 13 June 2011.